



Southeast Signal

News, Events, and Information from Around the System

From the Director



A question came up recently about libraries setting up viewing parties for various sporting events. I've dug in a bit to see if I could find a definitive answer, and found

something known as a "Homestyle Exemption" that was added to US copyright code in 1998. The related full text of 17 U.S. Code § 110 - Limitations on exclusive rights: Exemption of certain performances and displays, can be found at: <https://www.copyright.gov/title17/92chap1.html#110>

For libraries, the main part would be part 5 which, in an extremely abbreviated list, says that you can show broadcasts if:

- You don't charge for admission
- Your establishment is under 2,000 square feet
- You have no more than 4 televisions showing the broadcast, none of them being larger than 55 inches (diagonal)
- There is no rebroadcast of the original broadcast. To break it down even more – you can't stream your viewing party on the internet or record it for future viewing.

Yes those numbers seem arbitrary, but they are right there in the code. Now – in a quick and dirty search, I didn't find court cases that would give more specific guidance on this part of the code and I've seen various lawyers comment on their blogs both for and against, usually based on their interpretation on if

receiving the broadcast through cable is really "broadcast" or if the audio of the broadcast is allowed with the video.

So would I feel comfortable setting up a viewing party at a library now knowing this? Actually I would in many cases. If you would want a more definitive answer for your own situation, you may want to get a professional's opinion.

A few things to remember if you do proceed to have viewing parties:

- This exemption does not cover any pay-per-view events or streaming services (so Netflix is out)
- The program or event has to be shown live. This exemption doesn't allow you to tape or DVR the program and show it later
- You may be able to show it – but you may not be able to use the name or graphics of the event in your advertising. For example – the NFL aggressively protects the use of the "Super Bowl" trademark in any type or form of advertising. That's why you see supermarkets advertising "Big Game" specials for the weekend of the Super Bowl.

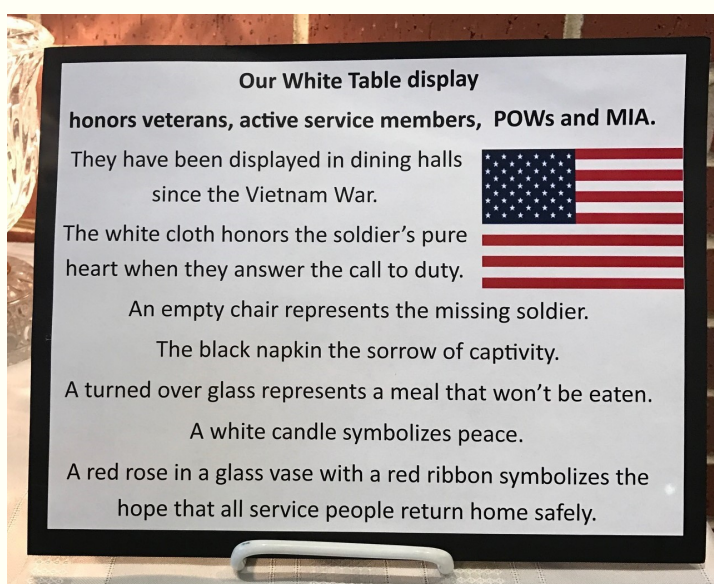
So in short – there is something in copyright law that suggests that showing a live broadcast of a sporting event or even a television show's premier or finale is fine for a library to do if you follow some strict guidelines, but there's been little to no actual test of those sections in a court of law to really nail down specifics for these types of events.

Calendar

December 15, National Bill of Rights Day
 December 17, National Wreaths Across America Day
 December 21, Winter Solstice, Yule
 December 23, SELS Office Closed for Christmas Eve
 December 24—January 1, Hannukah
 December 26, SELS Office Closed for Christmas Day
 December 26—January 1, Kwanzaa
 December 27, National Fruitcake Day
 December 28, National Card-playing Day
 January 2, SELS Office Closed for New Years Day
 January 2, National Science Fiction Day
 January 3-13, SELS Office closed for water damage repair
 January 6, SELS Board Meeting
[January 12, Strategic Planning Workshop, Syracuse](#)
 January 19, CASTL, Tecumseh Public Library
[January 26, Strategic Planning Workshop, Geneva](#)
 February 17, Database Roadshow at Ashland Public Library, 9:30-3:30



Photos of the Month



Central City Public Library had a White Table display in conjunction with Veteran's Day. Photos are by Sara Lee.

CASTL Wrap-Up

Upcoming CASTL Meetings

January 19

Tecumseh Public Library
“Bibliostat and Your Annual Report”

February 16

Superior Public Library
“Making Space: Administrative Weeding”

March 30

Kilgore Memorial Library
York

April 21

Pawnee City Public Library

May 19

Nelson Public Library

The November CASTL meeting was held at the Hruska Memorial Public Library in David City. Our themed discussion was on handling donations of all types. We mainly talked about two big categories of donations, monetary and materials.

The consensus was that if you had a friends or foundation set up for the library, monetary donations should be directed there if at all possible. The 501 (c)3 status allows the donor some tax benefits, and it helps keep accounting with city funds less cluttered. Some frustration was shared when a donor says the donation has to be for certain things, and those things may not fit the use of the library.

Having a good donation policy for materials such as books, newspapers, and magazines was stressed by some of the attendees. There were a mix of approaches to accepting materials. Some refused to accept certain things or materials in bad condition. Others accepted all things upfront and then sorted what should be kept, what was to be sold, and what got tossed after the donor had left.

That topic brought up where to get rid of unwanted books. Local book sales was brought up as well as services like Library Consignment, Better World Books, and Thrift Books. Some libraries had local recyclers, but some of them have stopped collecting library materials.

For materials that were nicer, but not going into the collection, some libraries put them out for the public to just take. Others had paperback or magazine swaps near their front doors. One mentioned having a box of old newspapers where patrons could just take what they wanted and when the box got full – it would be recycled.

One library encouraged patrons to donate dead electronics, as they have a program around taking them apart to show what they look like inside as a way to encourage kids to learn about electronics.

Upcoming Basic Skills Courses

To see the full calendar & register for classes, [click here](#). Here's what's coming up next:

<u>Dates of Class</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Registration</u>
January 9—January 20	Communication	December 5—December 29
January 23 —February 3	Library Technology	December 19—January 12
February 6—17	Customer Service	January 3—January 26

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Stromsburg Delivers Invitation to Read at “Trees and Tables” Event

By Monica Tidyman

The Stromsburg Public Library participated in the Stromsburg Women’s Civic Improvement Club’s Trees and Tables fundraiser on November 26. Many libraries (ours included) were begun by fundraising from Women’s Civic Improvement Clubs. Our description read:

An Invitation to Read from the Stromsburg Public Library....

The holidays can be a stressful, hectic time. Make sure you take some time to relax, rejuvenate and remember why we are doing all this running around. Family, friends, and faith are a few of the reasons and you can find all that in a book from your local library.

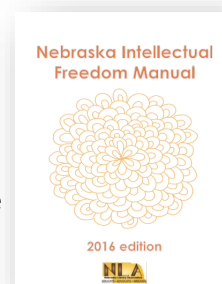
We’ve included a children’s table in our presentation because reading with your children or grandchildren is so important, especially during the holidays. Reading creates memories that can never be replaced.

Please, join us as we pull up a chair and read this holiday season.



New Intellectual Freedom Manual for Nebraska

The consensus of the current members of the Nebraska Library Association round table on Intellectual Freedom (NLA IF) was not to just revise the former manual, but [to create an entirely new edition](#). In doing so, the authors have addressed a number of new issues. The intention was to keep it relatively brief but still useful. Readers should be able to read sections independent of one another for quick reference on topics of interest. For readers of the electronic version, there are many hyperlinks included. The print version is \$6.95, but [the download is free](#).



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Stars were Shining in the Library

By Charlotte Baldinger, photos by Kai Ping Albright

There was no ice in the library, but members of the Lincoln Stars hockey team were in action at Seward Memorial Library on Thursday, November 10! The library hosted the team for a family hockey night. Stations with crafts and activities were manned by both the staff and the hockey players. Children had an opportunity to try on the hockey gear as well as interact with the players. Participants enjoyed hockey puck (Oreos) snacks and took home autographs and souvenirs. The hockey team made some new fans and Seward may be more visible at future hockey events.



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Library Contributes to the Holiday Spirit

Story and photos by Charlotte Baldinger

Seward Memorial Library helped launch Seward's annual Christmas Festival on November 26. The library hosted a "Holiday Sing-Along" featuring the brass group Firehouse Five plus Paul Soulek on the keyboard. The library filled with music as participants joined in singing carols and heard the history of many popular holiday songs. Of course the concert included hot cider, hot chocolate and holiday cookies. Later in the afternoon the library hosted "Come and Go Crafts." Festival visitors made simple holiday crafts at five stations as they waited for the Christmas parade to begin. Almost 100 people left the library carrying sacks filled with new holiday items to share with others. The library staff enjoyed promoting this important community celebration.



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Shelby Community Library Hosts Festive Programming

Shelby Community Library has been busy hosting free events to the public. Most recently, the library put on "Snow Much Fun in the Library," with preschool through grade 2 invited. Mrs. Nielson acted as the instructor. Coming up is the program "Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus are Coming," cosponsored by the Shelby Chamber of Commerce on December 15th. (The photo is from last year's celebration.) The library will also be celebrating it's 30th anniversary at that time!



New Library, New Programs in Deshler

By Joyce Schmidt

The Jennifer Reinke Public Library in Deshler was dedicated on June 17, 2016 during the Deshler Daze Celebration held on Father's Day weekend. The library was officially opened to the public on June 20, 2016. Patrons appreciate all the room we have now and all is hand-icapped accessible. We are in the process of having more programs in our new library for all ages. The second Tuesday afternoon of each month, third and fourth graders from Deshler Lutheran School come in to have a book read to them and a discussion follows. Also they have learned where the books are for them to check out



and other information about the library. On December 5, the first 'lego' night was held and it was very successful. There are 35 'lego' creations around the library and they will be up during the month of December. A 'lego' night will be held the first Monday of each month from 5:30-6:30p.m. There were several parent volunteers to help.

The mural in the children's section was painted by a local artist. She has done several murals in other buildings but never before in a library. This has received many positive comments from children and adults alike.

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Story Time with Santa

By Carrie Trutna, photos by Denise Lawvers

Here are some pictures from Wahoo Public Library's story time with Santa. 65 guests came to visit and give their lists to Santa. The library provided hot cocoa, cookies from Mocha C's, and 3-d reindeer crafts. Finally, special guests from the local production of Elf jr. the Musical performed a couple of songs.



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Pinterest Party!

Provided by Sara Lee, Photos by Jame Wright

December's Pinterest Party was Snowman Shutters. Jamie Wright showed participants how to make ADORABLE snowmen by using shutters. Each of them turned out very unique!



Private Movie Showing

Where: Rivoli Theatre, Seward, NE

When: Saturday, December 17, 10:00 a.m.
(doors open at 9:30)

Who: SELS Friends & guests

Reserve your seat by Dec. 15 and SAVE!

\$5.50 movie cost plus \$1.50 for SELS Friends

Price after Dec. 15:

\$5.50 movie cost plus \$4.50 for SELS Friends

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All admissions will be paid for at the door.
To reserve a seat in advance, email info@selsfriends.org



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Pearl Harbor Display Promotes Student Awareness

By Ruth Ferris

In observance of 75th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor Nebraska Christian School library had the this display. Social studies teachers were able to use collected articles along with these resources. Three of the resources pertained to men from our county.



Holiday Celebration at Hebron Secrest

By Terry Olson, Photos by library staff

Hebron Secrest has been busy assisting the Chamber with their Holiday Programs. The Annual Christmas Fair was held on Nov. 20th, and the Christmas Stroll on Dec. 4. We held our Holiday Story Time on Saturday Dec. 3. Our program turned into a magical event when the first snow of the season coincided with Santa's arrival. Holiday stories about Santa, reindeer, and snowmen were read. The children especially enjoyed *The Reindeer Christmas*. Crafts were also provided.



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ESCAPE to the Library at Palmyra

By Glenda Willnerd, Photo by Lucinda Fraunce

The Palmyra Memorial Library has turned their library into an ESCAPE Room to raise funds to purchase a new computer. The idea was the brainchild of library board president – Lucinda Faunce. Adults and children have exactly one hour to try to solve the code to get out of the library by searching for clues and working together. One family of adults reported it was the most fun their family had ever had together. The ESCAPE Room will be open through December 31.



Activity Room Dressed for the Holidays

By Terry Olson, Photo by library staff

Dressed in Holiday Décor, Hebron Secrest's Activity Room is now ready to be used for Community Events and private functions from late November through December.



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"Stress Less Week" at Doane

By Jayne Germer

Doane University's Perkins Library was the hub of activity for "Stress Less Week", December 4-10, as students finished up papers and projects and began studying for final exams. On Tuesday evening, the Psychology/ Sociology Club sponsored six Domesti-PUPS therapy dogs and their owners. This was a huge hit as approximately 100 students gathered around the dogs for some stress-relieving petting. The Club also provided a coloring station and treats during the event. Then, on Wednesday, December 7, the Hansen Leadership Program, brought Valentino's pizza to the library for 50+ hard-working students to enjoy.

During Finals Week, December 11-16, the Library itself will be offering "Brain Break" activities: hot cocoa offered along with the coffee and tea already offered throughout the semester; coloring pages, Sudoku, word find, and crossword puzzles; brain teasers (for prizes); and hidden stockings full of goodies for students to hunt down every day. And for the first time, this semester we will be providing students a quiet relaxation/meditation/yoga room that will include stress balls, ambient music, low lighting and a mat for stretching.



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Library Olympics and Coding

By Beth Dolnicek

To encourage reading this school year, the library at Bruning-Davenport USD designed a "Library Olympics" program. Each month the students will read an assigned genre, pass an Accelerated Reader test, and get their bookmark stamped when they collect the prize of the month. November's genre was biography. Pictured are 4th grade and 3rd grade students who achieved the month's goal at the time of this newsletter's printing. More pictures will follow in the months ahead!

November is National Computer Science Education month. The 5th and 6th grade students experienced computer programming (coding) courtesy of The Hour of Code. This is sponsored by the organization Code.org. The students pictured are the Bruning-Davenport USD students who received their certificates of completion for The Hour of Code.



Ashland to Host SELS/NLC Database Roadshow in February

The Nebraska Library Commission [makes available 18 databases to the residents of Nebraska](#). If you need a refresher, feel a bit rusty, or simply haven't had a chance to become acquainted with the databases yet, this will be your chance.

Database Roadshow
Ashland Public Library
February 17
9:30-3:30
Registration coming soon!

System Spotlight

Strategic Planning and Accreditation Services

This January, SELS is offering Strategic Planning and Accreditation Workshops in Syracuse (January 12, 1-4pm) and Geneva (January 26, 1-4 pm). If you are interested, please [click here to register](#). Also, please note that



throughout the year our executive director Scott Childers is ready and willing to consult with you on these subjects via a personal visit to your library or by phone.

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